

# LA CHAÎNE

UNE INFOLETTRE DE  
PUNK MONTRÉALAIS  
+ D.I.Y. SHOW LISTING  
#14 JAN 2024 — FREE

Thanks to everyone who submitted their year-end Top 5 lists for this issue! Enjoy reminiscing about our most memorable gigs, snacks, slogans, releases and reads of 2023.

## Top Five Montreal HC shows this year

by Destiny (Be About It)

1. Montreal Madhouse. Nothing can top this one, the beginning of something special for the city.
2. DEADBOLT EP release show. Awesome line up, awesome and mysterious venue. 10/10.
3. FREEZERBURN and CROSS CHECK's first show, April 15th w/ BRUISERWEIGHT, JARRD, ØBELISK, TRAUMA MODEL. Scary and incredibly energetic show.
4. PROWL's tour kick off back in February. Hometown heroes bringing havoc on Casa.
5. MILE END (ONHC, practically adopted my MTLHC) CLONED and DEADBOLT at Lopez. Again, super unique venue, a crowd full of friends. MORE ALL AGES GIGS!!

Honorary mention: I'm not sure if this show counts since it didn't happen in MTL, but I couldn't leave it out. Big Beach in Fredericton NB, perhaps the first HC gig of its kind in my hometown. The return of the mighty GAZM. Seeing all my MTL friends in Odell Lodge was like the weirdest cross over episode of all time. Big Beach made a huge impact on my life and the way I see Hardcore.

## MISERY'S PICKS

### TOP 5 MTL 2023 PUNK RELEASES (IN NO ORDER)

- ILUSÓN – S/T
- WARKRUSHER – Armistice
- TOTAL NADA – S/T
- KHASSARAT – How many more must perish in the pursuit of hope?
- STREET GLOVES – S/T

### TOP 5 2023 PUNK RELEASES (IN NO ORDER)

- REPRESSION – War Comes Home
- BLACK DOG – Overthrow
- ZOOMAN – Demo
- DShK – Everyday Apocalypse
- DUST COLLECTOR – Night Shocks Carnival

### TOP 5 PUNK ADJACENT RELEASES (IN NO ORDER)

- BLU ANXXIETY – Morbid Now Morbid Later
- STREET GLOVES – Mixtape Volume One
- BELLY HATCHER – Armed Care
- JK FLESH – No Exits
- WOUND INTERFERENCE – EP

### TOP 5 MTL VEGAN SNACKS

- My friends' vegan cooking/baking is still the best to ever do it
- Anything sweet from Cafe dei Campi
- Tofu Nashville sandwich (no mayo SVP) from Ma mère en feu
- The croissant from Boulangerie Jarry
- Costco fries

## VIJ's Picks:

### Top 5 live sets in Montreal:

1. END OF POLLUTION @ Varning
2. LIFELESS DARK @ Traxide
3. BOSQUE ROJO @ Barfly
4. GLORB @ underpass (flying cone fest)
5. DEADBOLT @ B7

### Top 5 mosh of 2023:

1. Flying cones and cans @ underpass
2. Chess in the pit @ Varning
3. Fireworks shaming @ SFTS
4. Mis & Hobbes @ Traxide
5. Mosh Jesus @ every MTLHC show

## Top 5 SKULL SLOGANS

By Taylor (T1)

HEY BROTHER

MAN IS THE BASTARD, ARE YOU?

HEAVY ON THE FREAK SAUCE, JACK

SKELETONIZED BY HORROR ELECTRONICS

ETERNAL WAR AGAINST THE DICKS IS ALL WE CAN RESPECT

## Martin's Picks:

### 2023 Top five sets in Montreal:

- LIFELESS DARK (SFTS)
- INTENSIVE CARE BN
- NO UNIFORM (Foufs)
- SALVAJE PUNK (Varning)
- THE SEX (opening for GEL)

### 2023 Top five sets outside Montreal

- GAZM (Freddy Beach Fest)
- IRON LUNG (S.H.I.T.mas)
- FIREWALKER (11pm fest)
- ZOOMAN (SOTO)
- VANISHING ACT (SOTO)

## Top 5 Montreal gigs of 2023

By Taylor (T2)

• Varning Saturday – Sept 23 @ Piranha Bar – END OF POLLUTION (Japan) and MEANWHILE (Sweden), plus many others... this was such an incredibly high-quality lineup of international bands, I was riding high from Varning for weeks.

• Search for the Sun Saturday – Nov 4 @ Sala/Sott – LIFELESS DARK (Boston) were incredible and the local lineup was stacked. Last ZOOMAN (Ottawa) set was beautiful, RATPISS sounded awesome, JAVA and S.W.E.A.T. ripped. Skipped the pill boomers, was in bed before midnight, perfect night.

• Initial Shock Noise Fest – July 1 @ La Sotterenea – I relished every moment of my daylong stint in the harsh noise sauna, but FORM HUNTER (NY) was the highlight. Other notably sick sets included Winnipeg's BP plus local faves SKIN TONE, MS and ORCHID LODGE, and the tattoo one was fun too. Props to the fest for scheduling a dinner break!

• DEADBOLT EP release show – Nov 10 @ Recyborg – Maybe weird to put this on here cause I played, but the this show was a great hardcore punk lineup and perfectly captured the joy and insanity of the scene.

• BASTARD NOISE – Dec 2 @ Sott – Hanging out with Eric Wood was great, but the INTENSIVE CARE (Toronto) set was my #1 of the whole year... I feel like my DNA was rearranged or something.

## TOP 5 AUDIOBOOKS

by Andrea

Wow, humble brag time. I read a lot of books this year (45!!). It's more than usual, which meant that i didn't listen to much music. So my top 5 list is books, specifically audiobooks.

5. *The World We Became / The World We Make* by N.K. Jemisin – A fantastic fantasy /sci-fi story narrated by an ensemble cast. The city of New York wakes up and the 5 boroughs are personified by 5 unwitting New Yorkers who must come together to defend their city against an approaching evil. Its alot cooler than maybe I'm making it sound. It's N.K. Jemisin, so obv you know it's gonna be amazing. (continued on back)

Be About It Presents...

# Deadbolt Influx Chain Block Cesspool S.W.E.A.T.

\$20 La Sotterenea  
January 26th 2024  
Doors 7pm - Show 8pm

All Ages

## LA CHAÎNE PRÉSENTE:

NOUVELLE RÉCOLTE!

**New Band Show**

HARDCORE PUNK!

**WHITE KNUCKLE**  
(MEMBERS OF DUREX, ANTI BODIES, PRESSURE PIN)

**THE SAD**  
(MEMBERS OF LIQUID ASSETS, MEMORY CHAIN, VISIBLY CHOKED)

**LOBOTOMITE**  
(MEMBERS OF S.W.E.A.T., OBEY 13K)

**RECALL**  
(MEMBERS OF SPACERS, TOTAL NADA, PEEVE, DEADBOLT)

Samedi February 3 Février 2024  
TURBO HAÛS • 10-20 notaflof  
PORTES 19h / 7PM • SHOW 20h / 8PM  
SHOW BÉNÉFICE for LA CHAÎNE • INFO: ASKAPUNK.NET

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### Saturday January 13 – Samedi 13 janvier

Matinée show benefice for Yell Out ft TYPEFACE, JETSAM, JAIL @ l'Achoppe – \$10 suggested

### Saturday January 26 – Samedi 26 janvier

DEADBOLT, INFLUX (Toronto), CHAIN BLOCK, CESSPOOL, S.W.E.A.T. @ La Sotterenea – doors 7pm, show 8pm – \$20 – ALL AGES!!!

### Saturday February 3 – Samedi 3 février

LA CHAÎNE's new band show ft WHITE KNUCKLE, THE SAD, LOBOTOMITE, RECALL @ Turbo Haüs – doors 7pm/19h, show 8pm/20h – \$10-20 NOTAFLOF

Continued from front:

4. *We Measure the Earth With Our Bodies* by Tsering Yangzom Lama – Narrated by another wonderful ensemble cast. The story takes place across generations and is told from multiple points of view, starting with China's invasion of Tibet in the 1950s to modern-day Toronto.

3. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt – A story of an elderly woman and her friendship with an octopus. Heartwarming, albeit somewhat predictable but sometimes we all need a happily ever after.

2. *A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World* by C.A. Fletcher – Post apocalyptic story of a kid traveling into the dangerous and unknown world to rescue his dog. Adventure ensues, plot twists happen. The narration is descriptive and immersive.

1. The entire *Murderbot* series by Martha Wells – Narrated by Kevin R Free (who has absolutely become my fav). Seriously, just listen to it. The murderbot character was my best friend this year and i wish i could just sit around with them not doing anything but watching tv.

**And bonus non audiobook read:** *Nourishing Resistance: stories of Food, Protest and Mutual Aid* edited by Wren Awry – The world sucks a lot of the time, so its nice to hear success stories of people who are working to make their corner a bit better. Sometimes inspiring, sometimes informative, sometimes cheesy.



## Montreal Venue Alignment Chart

LAWFUL NEUTRAL CHAOTIC

	LAWFUL	NEUTRAL	CHAOTIC
GOOD	TURBO HAÛS	ENTRE-PÔT 77	VAN HORNE UNDER-PASS
NEUTRAL	FOUFS	TAPAGE (B7)	LOPEZ
EVIL	PIRANHA BAR	CASA / SALA / SOTT	TRAXIDE

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